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THANK YOU
to all the producers who participated in our recent surveys. The results you requested are in this issue.

LIVESTOCK PRICES UP FROM LAST YEAR

The **Index of Prices Received** by farmers and ranchers in **Wyoming** for agriculture commodities sold during March was 129 percent of the 1990-1992 base. The index was up 8 points (7 percent) from last month and up 15 points (13 percent) from March 2009. The seasonal changes in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affect the overall indexes.

The **All Livestock Index**, at 127, was up 10 points (9 percent) from February and up 19 points (18 percent) from March 2009. Compared to last month, prices for all livestock were up with the exception of sheep. Compared to last year, prices for all livestock were up. Cow prices averaged $55.90 per hundredweight, up $4.30 from March and up $12.20 from last year. Steer and heifer prices, at $105.00 per hundredweight, were up $3.00 from February and up $12.00 from last year's price. Calf prices averaged $127.00 per hundredweight, up $2.00 from last month and up $15.00 from last year. Sheep prices, at $40.30, were down $13.30 from February but $3.50 above last year's price. Lamb prices, at $116.00, were up $13.00 from February and up $16.00 from last year.

The **All Crops Index**, at 141, was down 1 point (1 percent) from February and down 15 points (10 percent) from last March. Hay prices were down from both last month and last year. Alfalfa hay, down $5.00 from last month and down $25.00 from last year, came in at $90.00 per ton. Other hay, at $80.00 per ton, was down $5.00 from last month and down $27.00 from last year.

UNITED STATES: The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in March, at 141 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 6 points (4.4 percent) from February. The Crop Index is up 8 points (5.4 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 5 points (4.1 percent). Producers received higher prices for onions, lettuce, eggs, and cattle and lower prices for milk, corn, soybeans, and apples. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of strawberries, soybeans, broilers, and milk offset decreased marketings of cattle, corn, cotton, and oranges.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 15 points (12 percent) from March 2009. The Food Commodities Index, at 143, increased 10 points (7.5 percent) from last month and increased 21 points (17 percent) from March 2009.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS, MARCH 2009, FEBRUARY 2010, AND MARCH 15, 2010
U.S. PRICES AS PERCENT OF PARITY

COMMODITY	UNIT	WYOMING			UNITED STATES			
		MAR 2009	FEB 2010	MAR 15 2010	MAR 2009	FEB 2010	MAR 15 2010	% OF PARITY
		Dollars			Dollars			Percent
LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS								
Cows	100#	43.70	51.60	55.90	44.40	51.60	52.40	—
Steers & Heifers	100#	93.00	102.00	105.00	84.00	90.50	93.90	—
Calves	100#	112.00	125.00	127.00	106.00	112.00	113.00	32
Sheep	100#	36.80	53.60	40.30	32.10	55.00	1/	—
Lambs	100#	100.00	103.00	116.00	100.00	106.00	1/	—
CROPS								
Corn	Bu.	2/	2/	2/	3.85	3.55	3.49	38
Oats	Bu.	2/	2/	2/	2.77	2.28	2.12	36
Feed Barley	Bu.	2/	2/	2/	2.73	3.10	2.40	—
All Wheat	Bu.	2/	2/	2/	5.71	4.73	4.63	32
Dry Beans	100#	2/	2/	2/	32.50	30.30	30.80	44
Alfalfa Hay (Baled)	Ton	115.00	95.00	90.00	138.00	111.00	111.00	—
Other Hay (Baled)	Ton	107.00	85.00	80.00	110.00	97.10	98.60	—

1/Mid-month prices discontinued January 1996. 2/ Insufficient sales
NOTE: Entire month price is a revision of previous mid-month price except for hay which is always a mid-month price.

INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS & RANCHERS, WYOMING & U.S.

1990-92 = 100	WYOMING			UNITED STATES		
	MAR 2009	FEB 2010	MAR 15 2010	MAR 2009	FEB 2010	MAR 15 2010
All Commodities	114	121	129	126	135	141
All Crops	156	142	141	147	147	155
All Livestock and Products	108	117	127	109	123	128

U.S. CORN ACREAGE UP 3 PERCENT FROM 2009

As of March 1, Wyoming farmers planted or intended to plant 440,000 acres of small grains and row crops last Fall and this Spring, up slightly from last year. Winter wheat plantings were up from last year and intentions for corn, dry beans, and sugarbeets were also higher. Planting intentions for barley were down from the actual 2009 plantings, while oats and all hay area for harvest remained unchanged from last year's crop.

Small Grains: Wyoming's 2010 **barley** acreage is expected to total 70,000 acres, down 10,000 from last year, and 20,000 acres below the 2008 crop. Farmers intend to plant 40,000 acres of **oats**, equal to the acres from last year and up 10,000 acres from 2008. **Winter wheat** was seeded on 160,000 acres last fall, up 5,000 acres from the 2009 crop, and up 10,000 acres from the 2008 crop.

Row Crops: Wyoming farmers expect to plant 95,000 acres of **corn** this year, up 5,000 acres from last year but unchanged from 2008. Producers intend to plant 32,000 acres of **sugarbeets**, up 3 percent from last year and 8 percent above 2008. **Dry bean** plantings this year are expected to total 43,000 acres, up 5,500 acres from 2009 and 11,500 acres from 2008. If realized this will be the largest planted acres for dry beans in Wyoming since 1990.

The total acreage of **all hay** expected to be harvested in the State in 2010 is 1.27 million acres. This would be unchanged from last year, but 23 percent above the 2008 crop.

These estimates are based on a survey conducted in early March. Actual plantings may vary from these estimates because of weather, economic conditions, and the effect of this report itself.

UNITED STATES: **All wheat** planted area is estimated at 53.8 million acres, down 9 percent from 2009. The 2010 winter wheat planted area, at 37.7 million acres, is 13 percent below last year but up 2 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 28.3 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 6.0 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.4 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to **other spring wheat** for 2010 is estimated at 13.9 million acres, up 5 percent from 2009. Of this total, about 13.3 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. Durum planted area for 2010 is estimated at 2.22 million acres, down 13 percent from the previous year.

Growers intend to plant 3.27 million acres of **barley** for 2010, down 8 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the lowest barley planted acreage on record. **Oat** acres seeded and to be seeded for the 2010 crop year are expected to total 3.36 million acres, down slightly from last year. The states with the largest decreases included Alabama, Colorado, Georgia, and Washington.

Growers intend to plant 1.77 million acres of **dry beans** in 2010, up 15 percent from last year and 18 percent higher than 2008. The increase in planted acres can be attributed in part to favorably stable dry bean prices. Area planted to **sugarbeets** for the 2010 crop year is expected to total 1.175 million acres, slightly lower than the 2009 planted acreage. **Corn** growers intend to plant 88.8 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2010, up 3 percent from both last year and 2008. Expected acreage is up in many States due to reduced winter wheat acreage and expectations of improved net returns. If realized, this will be the second largest acreage since 1946. **Hay** producers expect to harvest 60.5 million acres of all hay in 2010, up slightly from 2009.

PLANTING INTENTIONS FOR 2010 AND ACTUAL PLANTINGS FOR 2009, WYOMING AND UNITED STATES

Crops	Acreage Planted/to be Planted					
	Wyoming			United States		
	2009	2010 Intentions	10/09	2009	2010 Intentions	10/09
	1,000 Acres		Percent	1,000 Acres		Percent
Corn, All Purposes	90	95	106	86,482	88,798	103
Winter Wheat	155	160	103	43,311	37,698	87
Durum Wheat	—	—	—	2,554	2,223	87
Spring Wheat Other than Durum	—	—	—	13,268	13,906	105
Oats	40	40	100	3,404	3,364	99
Barley	80	70	88	3,567	3,273	92
Sugarbeets	31.0	32.0	103	1,183.2	1,174.2	99
Dry Edible Beans	37.5	43.0	115	1,537.5	1,766.6	115
Hay, All 1/	1,270	1,270	100	59,755	60,460	101

1/ Area for harvest

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 4 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.8 million head on April 1, 2010. The inventory was 4 percent below April 1, 2009. The inventory included 6.71 million steers and steer calves, down 4 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.02 million head, down 3 percent from 2009.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.86 million, 3 percent above 2009. Net placements were 1.80 million head. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 395,000, 600-699 pounds were 375,000, 700-799 pounds were 602,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 485,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.90 million, 4 percent above 2009.

Other disappearance totaled 60,000 during March, 20 percent above 2009. This is the second lowest other disappearance for the month of March since the series began in 1996.

CATTLE ON FEED: 1000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES, APR 1, 2009-2010 1/

State	On Feed Apr 1, 2009	Place-ments Mar 2010	Market-ings Mar 2010	Other Disapp. Mar 2010	On Feed Apr 1, 2010	On Feed Mar 1, 2010
	Thousand Head					
CO	1,040	185	190	5	930	940
KS	2,280	440	410	10	2,240	2,220
NE	2,320	380	430	10	2,290	2,350
TX	2,810	490	485	15	2,640	2,650
Oth Sts.	2,712	362	387	20	2,669	*2,714
U.S.	11,162	1,857	1,902	60	10,769	*10,874

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.
*Revised

2009 TOTAL U.S. RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 2 PERCENT FROM 2008 RECORD HIGH

Commercial red meat production in *Wyoming* during 2009 totaled 6.5 million pounds, up 5 percent from the 6.2 million pounds in 2008. Commercial red meat production excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

A total of 8,000 **cattle** were slaughtered in 2009, compared with 7,200 in 2008. Total live weight, at 9.31 million pounds, was up from 8.64 million pounds last year. However, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,162 pounds, down 45 pounds from 2008.

In 2009, 4,100 **hogs and pigs** were processed, compared with 4,800 in 2008. Total live weight of hogs slaughtered was 1.06 million pounds, down 17 percent from last year. The average live weight of 261 pounds was down 6 pounds from 2008.

A total of 1,600 **sheep and lambs** were processed in 2009, compared with 1,700 last year. Total live weight, at 226,000 pounds, was 7 percent below 2008. The average live weight of sheep and lambs slaughtered, at 140 pounds, was 4 pound lighter than last year.

UNITED STATES: **Total red meat production** for the United States totaled 49.4 billion pounds in 2009, 2 percent lower than the previous year. Red meat includes beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. Red meat production in **commercial plants** totaled 49.3 billion pounds. **On-farm slaughter** totaled 139 million pounds.

Beef production totaled 26.1 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the previous year. **Veal production** totaled 147 million pounds, down 3 percent from last year. **Pork production**, at 23.0 billion pounds, was 1 percent below the previous year. **Lamb and mutton production** totaled 177 million pounds, down 2 percent from 2008.

Commercial cattle slaughter during 2009 totaled 33.3 million head, down 3 percent from 2008, with federal inspection comprising 98.3 percent of the total. The average live weight was 1,293 pounds, up 11 pounds from a year ago. **Steers** comprised 49.8 percent of the total federally inspected cattle slaughter, **heifers** 29.7 percent, **dairy cows** 8.6 percent, **other cows** 10.1 percent, and **bulls** 1.7 percent.

Commercial calf slaughter totaled 944,200 head, 1 percent lower than a year ago with 98.5 percent under federal inspection. The average live weight was 250 pounds, down 7 pounds from a year earlier.

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 113.6 million head, 2 percent lower than 2008 with 99.1 percent of the hogs slaughtered under federal inspection. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from last year, at 271 pounds. **Barrows and gilts** comprised 96.7 percent of the total federally inspected hog slaughter.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter, at 2.52 million head, was down 2 percent from the previous year with 92.3 percent by federal inspection. The average live weight was unchanged from 2008 at 136 pounds. **Lambs and yearlings** comprised 93.2 percent of the total federally inspected sheep slaughter.

There were 834 plants slaughtering **under federal inspection** in the U.S. on January 1, 2010 compared with 818 last year. Plants in Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, and Texas accounted for 50 percent of the United States commercial red meat production in 2009, similar to 2008.

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WYOMING MILK COWS UP FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER

The number of milk cows in **Wyoming** during January - March 2010 averaged 6,000 head. The number was unchanged from the previous quarter but was up by 1,000 from the same quarter last year. Milk production during the first quarter of 2010 was 28.6 million pounds, down 0.7 million pounds from the previous quarter but up 5.3 million from the same quarter last year.

UNITED STATES: Milk production in the U.S. during the January - March quarter totaled 47.3 billion pounds, down 0.1 percent from the January - March quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.09 million head, 206,000 head less than the same period last year.

MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION, SELECTED STATES AND U.S., JAN-MAR, 2009 AND 2010

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Production 2/		
	2009	2010	2009	2010	10/09
	1,000 Head		Million Pounds		Percent
WY	5.0	6.0	23.3	28.6	123
CA	1,826	1,759	10,097	9,940	98
CO	128	116	731	665	91
ID	551	553	2,915	3,003	103
MT	15	15	75	73	97
NE	61	59	294	295	100
SD	94	93	460	466	101
UT	85	83	427	430	101
WI	1,255	1,260	6,057	6,401	106
US	9,295	9,089	47,374	47,331	100

1/Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.
2/Excludes milk sucked by calves.